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SUBJECT: FNLA ARMS BUILDUP: PERSONNEL AND FINANCIAL PROBLEMS

1. SOURCES WHO HAVE BEEN IN NORTHERN ANGOLA IN RECENT DAYS REPORT THAT THE HEAVY WEAPONS BUILDUP BY THE FNLA AT AMBRIS AND NEGAGE, NEAR CARMONA, IS IMPRESSIVE, AT LEAST BY ANGOLAN STANDARDS. ONE PILOT WHO LANDED AT AMBRIS SAID HE HAD NEVER SEEN AS MUCH HEAVY EQUIPMENT IN ONE PLACE IN ANGOLA. REPORTS HAVE COME IN OF LARGE NUMBERS OF TRACKED VEHICLES, AS WELL AS OF "HEAVY" ARTILLERY, BUT PRECISE INFORMATION IS NOT AVAILABLE.

2. ACCORDING TO ONE FNLA OFFICIAL, THE BIGGEST PROBLEM IS TO FIND QUALIFIED PEOPLE TO DRIVE AND CREW THE VEHICLES. THE FNLA TROOPS ARE NOT CAPABLE AND THOSE ZAIRIAN TROOPS THAT CAN DO THE JOB ARE UNWILLING. OBSERVERS ASSUME THAT MANY OF THE WHITES IN THE FNLA BASES WILL MAN THE ARMOR.

3. A PORTUGUESE APPOINTED BY HOLDEN ROBERTO TO OVERSEE FNLA'S FINANCIAL AFFAIRS HAS TOLD PETROANGOL THAT ALL FOREIGN EXCHANGE

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IN NORTHERN ANGOLA MUST BE PAID TO FNLA. THE SAME OFFICIAL
IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT FNLA FINANCIAL SITUATION IS VERY
POOR.
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